AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [058] to read as follows:

[058] A publisher wishing to ~~disclosure~~ disclose information at a given future date and time approaches the trusted service and requests a public key 23 for the given date and time. For example, a publisher may ask the trusted service for a public key for 22 April 2003 at 10.00 hr. The trusted service will issue a randomly generated certified digital certificate 20 which contains the public key 23.

Please amend paragraph [066] to read as follows:

[066] Figure 3B shows the same publisher 10 and recipients 31 as in Figure 3A but after time T1. The recipients 31 each obtain the private key 34 corresponding to the public key 32 of Figure 3A from the trusted service ~~31~~ 30. The recipients 31 can each then decrypt the encrypted information 15 which they obtained prior to time T1.

Please amend paragraph [067] to read as follows:

[067] Figure 4 is a flow diagram showing the actions of a publisher and a single recipient. Figure 4 shows time, T, progressing towards the bottom of the page with the specific time T1 shown in relation to the actions. At box 41 a publisher obtains a public key for encrypting some information which the publisher wishes to disclose at or after time T1. The publisher encrypts 42 the information and the encrypted information is made available 43 to recipients. At box 44, a recipient X obtains the encrypted information and stores it, awaiting time T1. At time T1 (see box 45), the private key becomes available for decrypting the encrypted information. At box 46 the recipient X obtains the private key and the recipient X decrypts 47 the information.